

we get funds allocated for it. The money for this equipment was provided by the ARPA Funds from the Federal Government.

If you have any suggestions, we'd like to hear them as we move along with these projects.

Donation boxes can be found at the park if you'd like to "chip in" and help us with maintenance and development. THANKS!

STATION 5 FIRE DEPARTMENT — Our fire department not only provides fire protection services but also medical first response, vehicle extrication, search and rescue, ice & water rescue, hazardous materials management (operational level), and fire prevention services. Calls for service continue to increase and in 2022 we responded 550 times to either fire or medical first response calls. With this continued increase comes a continued demand for emergency response staff in which our paid, on-call crew members are on-call 24/7 for 365 days a year. We look forward to growing as a department in providing these essential services for our community.

NEW FIRE/MEDICAL FIRST RESPONDER STATION & TOWNSHIP OFFICES PROJECT — We have made much progress this year and are very close to finalizing the design and planning for the new building. Department heads and township officials have been working with the design firm and construction management team to produce the best and most effective building possible and within the confines of the budget. Stay tuned and you should finally see some activity at the new build site before the end of this year. If you have any questions or are interested in becoming a trained firefighter, EMT or medical first responder please contact Supervisor, Jason Barnard at supervisor@BenzoniaTownship.org or Fire Chief, Steve Adams at btfd58@gmail.com.

Please like us on our "Benzonia Township Fire Department" Facebook page and we can't thank you enough for the continued support of your Station 5 Fire Department.

911 SIGNS — If you would like a 911 sign on your property, there is an application at the township hall or online on our Web site: www.BenzoniaTownship.org The price is \$40.00 and will be installed by Boy Scout Troop 10.

TOWNSHIP CLEANUP DATES — Our 2023 summer cleanup date is August 12th from 7:00 - 11:00am and located in the same place as always behind Tri-Gas on US-31 in Benzonia.

CEMETERY — We have our cemetery ordinance available on our website, or stop by the township hall and pick one up.

The township purchases flags for the veterans buried in our cemetery each year. We'd like to thank Boy Scout Troop 10 for placing over 500 flags on the graves of our veterans in Benzonia Township.

HEADLEE ROLLBACK — Headlee was voted in back in 1982. At that time, Benzonia Township was operating on 1.21 mills and since that time the millage has rolled back to 0.7946 mills. This is happening with every unit of government in Benzie County. This directly impacts the income we receive from taxes which impacts projects we can do like paving roads, park, cemetery upgrades and maintenance, etc. The only way we can get an override is to put it before the voters at the county level. You can expect to see more about this in the near future.

BENZONIA PUBLIC LIBRARY HAPPENINGS — Benzonia Public Library Summer Reading Program — "All Together Now!" Including a Puppet Lab with activities and crafts. The library is open Monday - Friday from 10 am to 6 pm and Saturday from 10 am to 2 pm.